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SUBJECT: CLERIDES AND DENKTASH DEPART FOR VIENNA II

1. SUMMARY. REMARKS BY CLERIDES, DENKTASH, AND MAKARIOS SHOW NO EXPECTATION OF SIGNIFICANT RESULT AT VIENNA II. ALL LOCAL GREEK PAPERS TAKE GLOOMY VIEW OF TALKS, WHILE TURK PAPERS TEND IGNORE THEM. IN VIENNA, CLERIDES THREATENED TO WALK OUT OF TALKS IF TURK CYPRIOTS HOLD CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8. HE HAD EARLIER WARNED THAT GOC WILL SEEK NEW DEBATE IN UNSC IF TALKS FAIL. END SUMMARY.

2. SINCE CLERIDES AND DENKTASH LEFT FOR VIENNA JUNE 3, ALL LOCAL GREEK PAPERS HAVE TAKEN PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF TALKS, DRAWING ON SOMBER REMARKS BY NEGOTIATORS, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, AND UNSYG WALDHEIM (ON ARRIVAL IN VIENNA). TURK PAPERS HAVE DOWNPLAYED TALKS ALTOGETHER.

3. JUNE 3 DEPARTURE REMARKS BY NEGOTIATORS HELD OUT SCANT
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HOPE OF PROGRESS.

A. DENKTASH WAS SLIGHTLY MORE POSITIVE THAN CLERIDES. (FBIS TA 031330Z JUN). HE STRESSED THAT HE LEAVING TO SEEK PEACE, NOT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. REPEATING BASIC TURK DEMANDS FOR BIREGIONAL FEDERATION WITH WEAK CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, DENKTASH ACCUSED GREEK CYPRIOTS OF INDULGING IN PROPAGANDA WHICH HAD SLOWED EFFORT TO REACH SETTLEMENT.

B. CLERIDES (FBIS TA 031800Z JUN) WAS MUCH GLUMMER. HE DECLARED THAT "INDICATIONS NOT VERY ENCOURAGING" RE VIENNA II. ANSWERING NUMEROUS QUESTIONS, HE SAID THAT:

(1) HE EXPECTED CONCRETE REPLIES FROM DENKTASH ON WHAT TURKS REALLY WANT. HE WILLING TO DISCUSS "GENERAL PRINCIPLES" (DENKTASH'S PHRASE) OF SOLUTION SO LONG AS THEY HAVE CONTENT. CLERIDES SAID IT "TOO EARLY" TO SPEAK OF VIENNA III, BUT HE STRESSED THAT IF TALKS FAIL GOC WILL AGAIN RESORT TO UNSC, PERHAPS AT MEETING ON OR ABOUT JUNE 15 WHICH ALREADY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS UNSYG'S REPORT. HE ADDED THAT UNSC SHOULD BE PREPARED IMPOSE "SANCTIONS" ON TURKEY TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS, THOUGH "FOR TP E BEING IT TOO EARLY TO EXPECT" THIS.

(2) REOPENING OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT "NEITHER URGENT NOR FUNDAMENTAL". PARTIAL REFUGEE RETURN NO SUBSTITUTE FOR A "FINAL SOLUTION" TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.

(3) PRESSURE EXERTED ON TURKEY, FROM EAST OF WEST, "IS NOT EFFECTIVE".

(4) BRIEFING HE HAD RECEIVED ON KARAMANLIS-DEMIREL MEETING GAVE NO CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM. HE EXPECTED BOTH MEN TO USE INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE MODERATION IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

(5) HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER TURKS HAD MADE CYPRUS SOLUTION CONTINGENT ON FUTURE ROLE OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, THOUGH THEY HAD EARLIER DEMANDED THAT CHURCH NOT MIX IN STATE AFFAIRS.

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4. JUNE 5 GREEK PRESS FEATURES CLERIDES THREAT (REF FBIS TA 042125Z JUN) IN VIENNA TO WALK OUT OF TALKS IF TURK CYPRIOTS PROCEED TO HOLD CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM ON JUNE 8. (HE HAD TOLD LOCAL PRESS JUNE 3 THAT HE EXPECTED TURK CYPRIOTS TO PROCEED WITH RATIFICATION BUT THAT HE SAW NO SIGN THAT THEY WOULD "SHORTLY" PROCLAIM UDI.) SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTEROS AGREES WITH CLERIDES REMARK ON

ABSENCE "ENCOURAGING PROSPECT.", QUESTIONS NEED FOR THIRD
ROUND OF VIENNA TALKS. CLERIDES' AGHON SAYS DENKTASH
DELAYING TACTIC IS "PRESCRIPTION FOR FAILURE" OF
TALKS. OTHER PAPERS SEE LITTLE OR NOT MERIT IN
CONTINUATION OF TALKS, GIVEN TURK ATTITUDE.

5. IN JUNE 4 CREDENTIALS CEREMONY FOR NPL HUNGARIAN
AMBASSADOR, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT
TURKISH SIDE WOULD NOT SUBMIT "CLEAR PROPOSALS" AT
VIENNA II. HE DRUBBED TURK DELAYING TACTICS, AND
REPEATED WELL-KNOWN GOC REJECTION OF DE FACTO SITUA-
TIONS LEADING TO "CAMOUFLAGED PARTITION."
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